

~~--13. (NEW) The crystal of a mirtazapine hydrate according to claim 7, wherein the crystal is pulverized.--~~

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~~--14. (NEW) The crystal of a mirtazapine hydrate according to claim 13, wherein the average particle diameter of the pulverized crystals is 10 to 70 μm .--~~

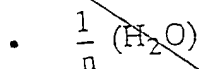
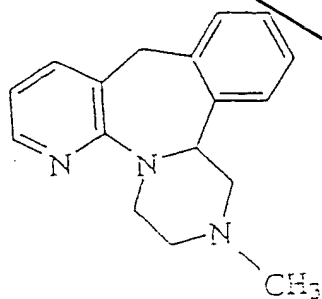
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~~--15. (NEW) The crystal of a mirtazapine hydrate according to claim 13, wherein the average particle diameter of the pulverized crystals is 20 to 60 μm .--~~

~~--16. (NEW) A method for treating a human suffering from depression, comprising administering a pharmaceutically acceptable composition prepared from an effective amount of mirtazapine crystals having a hygroscopic degree of not more than 0.6% by weight when the crystals are stored in the air having a relative humidity of 75% at 25°C under atmospheric pressure for 500 hours.--~~

~~--17. (NEW) The method according to claim 16, wherein the mirtazapine crystals have been prepared by a process comprising drying crystals of a mirtazapine hydrate represented by the formula I:~~

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wherein n is an integer of 1 to 5.--